(e) time by when it would be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRIMATIKANTI SINGH): (a) The Anthropological Survey of India started an important research study scheme on 2nd October, 1985 at the National level under the leadership of Dr. Kumar Suresh Singh, which was named as 'People of India'.

(b) The details of publication under this project are as follows:—

(i) All the 11 "National Volumes' have been published;

(ii) Out of 32 'State Volumes', 29 State Volumes have been published;

(iii) Three Volumes on Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa will be published shortly.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The 'Bihar Volume' could not be published because of technical problems, which have now been sorted out.

(e) The 'Bihar Volume' will be published in 2008.

Declining number of Government employees

4182. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of class IV and III employees in Government Departments in the year 1990 and as on date;

(b) whether the number of class IV and III employees is gradually declining in Government Departments;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the declining trend has any impact on the administration when the work load is increasing steadily; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by Government to check the negative impact of the decreasing number of such employees on Government Administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) As per records, the number of Class IV and III Central Government Employees in the years 1990 and 2006 are as follows:

	Class III	Class IV
As on 31.03,90	17,74,005	16,39,626
As on 01.03.06	20,71,299	8,18,734

(b) The number has declined in the case of Class IV employees only.

(c) to (e) All Ministries/Departments are required to review their vacancies regularly and take necessary steps in the light of such reviews. There is provision for filling up vacancies by Government Departments as per their requirements subject to extant guidelines and rules on the matter.